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FYI for the Oregon CZARA Tech Team –

I will be having a short discussion with DEQ next Monday to update a few figures from last summer on Oregon's new Septic Smart Program. See details below.

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**From:** Waye, Don  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2015 10:58 AM  
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Randy & Frank,

Let's talk at 10 AM PST/1 PM EST next Monday for maybe up to a half-hour. Probably closer to 10-15 minutes should do the trick. I am keeping Karen Tarnow in the loop as a courtesy, so she can join us if she feels like she needs to. It's really just a quick follow-up to update some facts I got from Priscilla last July for the write-up I pulled together on Oregon's onsite program for EPA-NOAA's decision on Oregon's Coastal Nonpoint Program that is due by Jan. 30. Specifically, here's the section that needs updating.

While participation in Oregon Septic Smart is voluntary, it provides a competitive business advantage for certified inspectors. In order to maintain eligibility for Oregon Septic Smart, all approved inspectors must present evidence that all certification requirements are up-to-date and submit annual reports to Oregon DEQ which identifies their inspection activities during the previous calendar year. Oregon DEQ is relying on these annual reports as a key tracking mechanism for implementing this management measure. Although Oregon Septic Smart was introduced as a new program in January 2014, within the first year **approximately 135 [...figure updated courtesy of Randy last week...] of the state's approximately 630 certified inspectors statewide [...is the ~630 figure still accurate?...] (21 percent) had chosen to participate in it.** Oregon's database reveals the heaviest participation is in its coastal counties, with **40 of its participants (42 percent) primarily serving these counties [...this "coastal participation" factoid courtesy of Priscilla, July 2014...].** Participation rates are tracked monthly by Oregon DEQ and are rising steadily. As the Oregon Septic Smart brand grows and the business advantages are recognized by more wastewater professionals, Oregon DEQ foresees the time when a majority of active certified inspectors will have joined Oregon Septic Smart and will submit annual reports on septic system inspections to the State.

Oregon has established a goal with interim milestones for its voluntary incentive-based program, as well as a strategy for tracking and evaluating the effectiveness of its voluntary incentive-based program, to implement this management measure. Specifically, Oregon expects that within 15 years, these collective efforts will result in inspection of 95 percent of all the OSDS associated with property transfers across the coastal nonpoint management area. **Oregon DEQ has set an interim goal to achieve inspections for 60 percent of residential property transfers involving OSDS in the coastal counties by 2014 and 80 percent by 2020.** Oregon is tracking the effectiveness of the State's voluntary initiative, primarily through the annual reporting requirements

by certified inspectors who participate in Oregon Septic Smart, as described above. The annual reports require separate tracking of OSDS inspections associated with property transfers (versus inspections conducted for other reasons that are also tracked). The report includes information on the number and outcomes of OSDS inspections. Collectively, these reports will help to guide outreach and enforcement efforts at the county level. This tracking will be augmented by information from lenders, brokers, realtor surveys, and GIS analysis, as described below.

I have highlighted the bits that I would like to discuss with you, but if you notice anything else that should be updated/corrected, please let me know. (This is not the entire write-up of Oregon's program, just 2 paragraphs from a longer write-up.)

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**From:** TROX Randall [<mailto:TROX.Randall@deq.state.or.us>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 7:03 PM

**To:** Waye, Don

**Subject:** Voice mail

Hey Don,

I just got your message and due to the time zone and Frank not being here to help me answer what you asked, I thought email best.

Frank's contact information:

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. I forwarded your voice mail to his phone. Is getting what you need next week going to work? Perhaps scheduling a time to talk Monday (like 10 PST), so we can touch base on what you need?

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